

June Edwards, Associate General Counsel, NASA; and public witnesses.

## OIL SPILL PREVENTION MEASURES

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing on Oil Spill Prevention Measures. Testimony was heard from Rear Adm. Robert C. North, USCG, Assistant Commandant, Marine Safety and Environmental Protection, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

## Joint Meetings

### APPROPRIATIONS—LABOR/HHS/ EDUCATION

*Conferees* continued in evening session to resolve the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 2264, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1997

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry,* business meeting, to consider the nominations of Sally Thompson, of Kansas, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Agriculture, and Joseph B. Dial, of Texas, to be Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, time to be announced, S-216, Capitol.

*Committee on Foreign Relations,* to hold hearings on pending nominations, 10 a.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Governmental Affairs,* Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to hold oversight hearings on the Treasury Department's Office of Inspector General, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

### House

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight,* to consider the following: H.R. 1836, Federal Employees Health Care Protection Act of 1997; H.R. 2675, Federal Employees Life Insurance Improvement Act; a draft report entitled: "Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses: VA, DOD Continue to Resist Strong Evidence Linking Toxic Causes to Chronic Health Effects"; and other pending Committee business, 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, hearing on Management Practices in State and Local Government: Lessons for the Federal Government, 10:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on House Oversight,* to continue hearings on Campaign Finance Reform, 10 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

*Committee on International Relations,* to markup the following resolutions: H. Con. Res. 22, expressing the sense of the Congress with respect to the discrimination by the German Government against members of minority religious groups, particularly the continued and increasing discrimination by the German Government against performers, entertainers, and other artists from the United States associated with Scientology; H. Con. Res. 152, expressing the sense of the Congress that all parties to the multiparty peace talks regarding Northern Ireland should condemn violence and fully integrate internationally recognized human rights standards and adequately address outstanding human rights violations as part of the peace process; H. Res. 273, condemning the military intervention by the Government of the Republic of Angola into the Republic of the Congo; H. Res. 282, congratulating the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) on the occasion of its 30th Anniversary; H. Con. Res. 172, expressing the sense of the Congress in support of efforts to foster friendship and cooperation between the United States and Mongolia; H. Res. 231, urging the President to make clear to the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam the commitment of the American people in support of democracy and religious and economic freedom for the people of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam; and H. Con. Res. 156, expressing concern for the continued deterioration of human rights in Afghanistan and emphasizing the need for a peaceful political settlement in that country, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.